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## **TUCSON WOMAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SMUGGLING TODDLER**

TUCSON, Ariz. – Anna Lourdes Martinez, 24, of Tucson, Ariz., was sentenced here today to 15 months in federal prison by U.S. Chief District Judge John M. Roll. Martinez pleaded guilty on January 24, 2007 after an attempt to smuggle a 4-year-old girl through the Nogales, Ariz. Port of Entry.

Martinez had attempted to enter the U.S. from Mexico on July 15, 2006, via the pedestrian lane of the Deconcini Port of Entry in Nogales, Ariz. Martinez, accompanying a 4-year-old girl who she claimed was her daughter, showed Inspectors from U.S. Customs and Border Protection an Arizona birth certificate belonging to her own daughter. Martinez eventually admitted that she did not know the toddler, that she knew the toddler was an illegal alien, that she was smuggling the girl as a favor for a male friend whose last name she did not know, and that she was going to give the girl to an unknown man in front of a store in Nogales, Ariz.

Martinez did not indicate that she was to receive any fee. The child was reunited with her mother shortly after the smuggling attempt. Martinez pleaded guilty to one count of Attempt to Bring an Illegal Alien into the U.S.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Nogales, Ariz. The prosecution was handled by Mary Sue Feldmeier, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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